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## Briefly

### New marketing director

The former chief of Marketing & Research has been selected as Civil Air Patrol's new director of Marketing and Public Relations.

Mary Nell Crowe was voted in by CAP's National Executive Committee, during their December meeting, to spearhead CAP's global publicity campaign.

Crowe began working with CAP in May 1995 and assumed the role of interim director in August after the death of Col. Robert V. "Bud" Payton.

Crowe, who is an Alabama native, has 16 years experience in direct response marketing with large national nonprofit organizations.

### New staff college director

A new point of contact has been named for the Great Lakes Region Staff College slated for July 7-13 at Youngstown-Warren ARS, Ohio.

Lt. Col. Robert Sponseller is now serving as the college's director due to the recent passing of Col. Carl C. Stophlett Jr.

For more information about the region's staff college, Sponseller can be reached at his home number, (513) 879-5645, or at work, (513) 879-1554. His mailing address is: 333 Chatham Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324.

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## Oregon Wing saves 2 after C-172 crash

**OREGON** — A near textbook-perfect search and rescue mission resulted in the Oregon Wing being credited with two saves after a CAP air search team was able to pinpoint an emergency locator transmitter signal from a downed aircraft within hours of launch.

The aircraft, a Cessna 172, had been rented early in the day on Dec. 17 by two men from Caldwell, Idaho.

The two were dressed lightly for what was to have been a brief sight-seeing flight into the high desert country of Oregon and return flight back to Caldwell. No flight plan had been filed by the pilot.

By 3 p.m. the Malheur County Sheriff's Dept. was notified by Oregon

emergency management officials of a SARSAT satellite ELT hit. A search for the signal was initiated even though

**"This was just about a textbook-perfect search. The whole system worked the way it was designed to."**

Maj. Don Barnes, pilot of search aircraft

no aircraft had been reported missing or overdue at the time the signal was picked up.

By 8 p.m. that night, Maj. Don Barnes, pilot of the search aircraft, and his observer Lt. Robert Parker, were certain the cause of the ELT signal was indeed a downed aircraft.

Shortly after 8 p.m. the rental aircraft was reported as overdue.

Barnes and Parker pinpointed the exact sight of the downed aircraft by 10 p.m. and relayed the coordinates to Mission Coordinator Capt. Jack Ipock of the High Desert Composite Squadron and Malheur County Sheriff's Dept. Additional search resources were requested to stand by for a rescue early the next morning.

By 10 a.m. Dec. 18, after spending a very cold night in 20-degree weather, the occupants of the aircraft were extracted from the sight by an Idaho National Guard UH-1A medivac heli-

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### 'FOUR-STAR' VISION

Air University Commander Lt. Gen. Jay Kelley, left, and Civil Air Patrol National Commander Brig. Gen. Richard L. Anderson prepare to videotape a segment on airmanship discipline and leadership accountability for the January 1996 Commander's UPDATE. The session was held at Maxwell Air Force Base, home of AU headquarters, in late December. The video was completed in early January and recently distributed to all wing and region commanders.

Photo by Gene Sinner

## National board improvements include lower fees, more seminars, family fun

### Don Rowland

Director,  
Plans & Requirements Directorate

### MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE

— Recent issues of the *Civil Air Patrol News* outlined the improvements that August National Board attendees can expect.

Those improvements include: a reduced registration fee; more educational seminars; shorter general assemblies; and fun.

All of the improvements will be described, in detail, in future issues of the newspaper, but in this issue, the fun side of Roundup '96 will be empha-

sized. Although listed last, it's a high priority for the national board planners

### Location

Many CAP families take the national board opportunity to enjoy a late summer vacation before returning to the routine of school days. The planners understand that time is valuable and the board's location will play a major part in any decision to spend time and money to attend. Well — ...attendees will be pleased with this year's selection.

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## Two Florida Wing members assist in dangerous wilderness rescue

**FLORIDA** — Two members of Florida Wing's Special Response Team-A/Tactical Communications Response Team were invited to attend a Fundamentals for Search and Rescue Instructor course held

**"The lesson here is to always have your rescue gear ready and handy — you never know when you will need it ..."**

recently in Morganton, N.C. What was supposed to be an uneventful course turned into an exciting winter blizzard rescue for these both men.

Lt. Col. Ed Wolff and Lt. Col. Art Wolff, both SAR technical coordinators in Florida for the National Association for Search and Rescue, never expected to end up in the

middle of a wilderness rescue operation during the height of a blizzard.

On the course's second day, the director of emergency medical services for Burke County, N.C., walked into the classroom to report that a dangerous wilderness rescue operation was being mounted to assist three college students who were stranded somewhere between Wiseman's View and Conley Cove.

At an elevation of about 4,500 feet, the temperature was -8 degrees Fahrenheit and being pushed by a 40-mph wind. Also, the weather made for what is described as constant whiteout conditions.

The students had started out for what they expected to be a simple camping trip several days earlier. Apparently they did not monitor weather reports prior to leaving and were not expecting severe weather, much less a blizzard.

The three had planned to camp under an overhang for protection and brought only a small amount of food.

Fortunately one of the students brought his cellular telephone and was able to use it to call for help.

The two CAP members were selected to participate in the rescue because of their certification as search and rescue technicians. A six-person team

was quickly put together and started on the long ride up into the mountains to get to their jump off point.

After a 1 1/2 hour ride in the back of a military truck, the assembled rescue team made it to the base of a small logging road that was the jump off point to get into the Wiseman's View area of the Linville Gorge where the three students were stranded.

By the time the students were located, they were cold, hungry and very happy to be alive. The temperature was still falling, according to the National Weather Service reports.

According to Ed Wolff, there were several lessons learned from this incident. "The lesson here is to always have your rescue gear ready and handy — you never know when you will need it, and second, the value of the NASAR SAR technician rating. When the CAP ground team leader rating wasn't recognized by the local EMS/SAR agency, the nationally accepted SAR technician certification was, and this enabled us to participate.

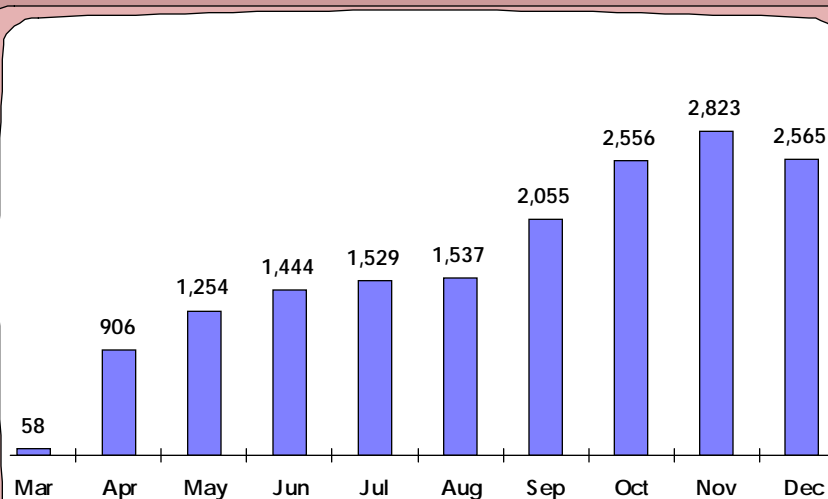
"The third lesson — you never know when, where or how you will need to put your SAR skills to work. Train for the worst and hope for the best." (Submitted by Lt. Col. Ed Wolf, Florida Wing)

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



Cadet Flight Officer Cheryl Oechslein of Pennsylvania Wing's Torresdale Composite Squadron presents a Christmas present to a sick child in Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Squadron members visited the hospital Dec. 21 and distributed gifts to children in the pediatric clinic. The cadets were praised by hospital leaders for giving the children "an experience not soon to be forgotten."

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